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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to inclusion of comprehensive testing
- 2 for convergence insufficiency in required child vision
- 3 screenings.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.39D, subsection 3, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. All vision screening methods pursuant to subsection 2,
4 including emerging vision screening technologies, shall be
5 age-appropriate and shall be approved by the department in
6 consultation with leading vision organizations in the state,
7 licensed ophthalmologists, and licensed optometrists. All
8 vision screening methods pursuant to subsection 2 shall include
9 comprehensive testing for convergence insufficiency. For the
10 purposes of this subsection, "convergence insufficiency" means
11 a vision condition that affects near vision and eye muscle
12 coordination and that is characterized by a decreased ability
13 to converge the eyes and maintain binocular fusion while
14 focusing on a near target.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill requires that all vision screening methods
19 utilized in meeting the requirement for a child vision
20 screening shall include comprehensive testing for convergence
21 insufficiency. "Convergence insufficiency" is a vision
22 condition that affects near vision and eye muscle coordination
23 and that is characterized by a decreased ability to converge
24 the eyes and maintain binocular fusion while focusing on a near
25 target.